

April 23, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP – 9:30 AM

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

*Welcome and God's Greeting

*Song of Praise: #130:1,3,4 (WC)

*Words of Faith:

*Song of Faith:

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

New City Catechism Q & A 29 & 30

"By Faith"

God Renews Us By Grace

Professions of Faith:

Sydney Bulthuis, Charles Hooker, Elijah Tornow,
Eric Vander Naald, Jonah Vander Naald

Ministry of Music:

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Prayer

*Song of Worship:

"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

(children ages 3 - Kindergarten are dismissed for Children's Church)

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Scripture:

Ephesians 4:17-24 (p. 1158)

Sermon: **AFTER EASTER, GIVING UP FUTILITY AND BEING GIVEN NEW LIFE**

Prayer

God Blesses Us to Bless Others

*Benediction

*Doxology: #560:1,2,4 (WC)

Postlude

"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

LEADING US IN WORSHIP

Worship Leaders:

Pastors Lanser and Schuringa

Sermon:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Organ:

Donna Erdman

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

Violin:

Kristen Voss

Oboe:

Olivia Schuringa

Guitars:

Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz

Soloist:

Sandy Roelofs

Flutes:

Morgan Hoving, Grace Lindemulder, Nan Loerop, Leah Tornow

**Please stand if you are able*

(PH-Psalter Hymnal; WC-Worshiping Church)

We Enter His Presence

Prelude

*Welcome and God's Greeting

*Song of Praise:

"We Bow Down"

*Profession of Faith:

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 45
(p. 57 in the back of the PH)

Prayer

*Song of Worship: #95 (PH)

"Gracious God, My Heart Renew"

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Chicago Christian Counseling Center

We Listen

Scripture:

Daniel 9:1-19 *(p. 884)*

Sermon:

PRAYER: OBEDIENCE, HONESTY, TRUST

Prayer

We Are Sent to Serve

*Song of Response: #316:1,2 (PH)

"Now Thank We All Our God"

*Benediction

*Doxology: #316:3 (PH)

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Postlude

LEADING US IN WORSHIP

Worship Leader:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Sermon:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

**Please stand if you are able*

(PH-Psalter Hymnal; WC-Worshiping Church)

TODAY AT FAITH

This morning we'll continue to celebrate the new life that Christ's death and resurrection bring us. Ephesians 4:17-32 will illustrate for us how Christ delivers us from the futility of the old self to renewal and new life in Christ. We'll also celebrate the professions of faith of several of our students.

This evening we'll continue our series on some of the basics of the Christian faith with a sermon on prayer. We'll read Daniel 9:1-19 and see how God leads us to pray with obedience, honesty, and trust.

UPCOMING WORSHIP AT FAITH

May 4, 7:00 PM: National Day of Prayer Service

May 7, 9:30 AM: Professions of Faith in Worship

PRAYER & PRAISE

If you have prayer needs, please visit room 1 on the north side of the sanctuary after the morning service.

Tom de Vries went to be with his Lord last Sunday. We extend our Christian sympathy to **Pastor Greg & Sarah, Olivia, Hannah, Sophia and Adrianna Schuringa** in the loss of their father and grandfather. A memorial service was held at Faith on Friday. *Blessed be those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4.*

Pearl Dykstra continues to stay at Glen Oaks Hospital. Please keep Pearl and her husband Jerry in your prayers.

Pastor Greg is starting his chemo treatments tomorrow. He delayed it a week due to his father-in-laws memorial service.

George Vos is undergoing rehab at Manor Care in Hinsdale. Please pray that George is able to regain mobility as he recovers from breaking a couple bones last month.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Grace Bolt** who lives in Providence Healthcare.

OFFERINGS

Today: AM: Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund.

PM: Chicago Christian Counseling Center.

April 30: AM: World Renew-World Hunger. **PM:** Faith General Fund.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On behalf of the Music Committee, thank you to many in the congregation who participated in worship over the last two weekends. The march to Calvary, death and resurrection of our Savior and King is the best reason to celebrate. We're grateful for the way you used your gifts to make a joyful noise to the Lord. May He be praised and glorified as we continue to rejoice in the spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead and is alive in us.

The fight against abortion is far from over. Plans are being made to start a Right to Life Committee or a small group here at Faith. Please consider joining the fight against abortion. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex or contact Lambert Bronger, lambertbronger@gmail.com, 630-665-9422, or 630-346-8324.

Welcome Team Orientation: If you've signed up to be part of our new welcome team, please plan to attend one of the orientation meetings after the Sunday morning service today or May 7. Contact Pastor Matthew with any questions.

Service Opportunity for Faith Church! Today is the last day for your donations of toothpaste and dental hygiene products (floss, mouthwash, denture tablets or toothbrushes are welcome) to be distributed at the UCCA Mobile Food Pantry. Please see Sandy Turnbull if you would still like to make a donation.

The Missions Committee will meet today in the Choir room at 10:50 AM.

Faith CRC's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 30, after the morning worship service. All professing members are encouraged to attend. **One purpose of this meeting** is to seek congregational endorsement of Council's budget for the June 2017 - May 2018 fiscal year. The budget is a covenant commitment made by our members to support our church's mission and operating expenses. Council encourages both faithful service and giving in recognition that God is the "Great Giver" who has given the life of His Son for our salvation. The proposed budget will be in your mailboxes in the upcoming weeks. **We will also elect new elders and deacons** to serve our Council. The nominees for the office of Elder are Pete Holtrop, Bob Hooker, Bern Slinkman, Mike Tornow, Len Turnbull and Dave Voss. For the election of elders, Council is asking the congregation to vote for four elder nominees to replace the retiring elders. The nominees for the office of Deacon are Spencer Anderson, Chris Kakabeeke, Scott Piersma, Byron Plate, Chris Slinkman, Gary Vander Naald, Jeff Vander Naald and Corey Van Dyk. Council is asking the congregation to vote for four of the deacon nominees to replace the retiring deacons. Photos of the nominees can be found in your church mailbox today, so you can connect names with faces. The congregation is encouraged to complete proxy ballots if they cannot attend the meeting. Proxy ballots need to be signed by the voting member and turned in by the start of the meeting to be considered valid. Please pray that our meeting along, with the commitments and decisions made, will be in accordance with God's will for Faith.

Young Adult Potluck: Join us on April 29 at 5:00 PM at the Koopmans (145 N. Elm St., Elmhurst). Bring a main dish, dessert or salad/fruit—RSVP if possible, but feel free to come either way! Children welcome.

Faith CRC SpringFest will be Saturday, May 13. Save The Date! Lots of fun activities are being planned. For the kids: Pony rides, petting zoo, face painting and more. Special this year - the Reptile Guy. For the adults: great food, shopping, silent auction, photo booth and a co-ed bean bag tournament. You won't want to miss out on this fun day!

We are currently looking for auction items for Springfest. If you are willing to donate sports tickets, restaurant gift cards, services (i.e. babysitting, cooking etc.) or brand new, unused items, please contact Jen David at jenbdavid@gmail.com or Niki Tazelaar at nikitazelaar@gmail.com or 773-332-0405.

Save the Date! A group from our church will be serving Tapestries of Life Ministries in Mexico this fall from September 10-16. If you have any interest in joining this group or need information regarding this opportunity, please contact Greg & Lynda Lanenga, 708-562-6697 or glanenga@hotmail.com.

Serving at Faith Church. One possible area of service at Faith CRC you may not have considered is serving on one of our many committees. Committees give support to our many ministries and also dream of ways for our church to be more effective in following our mission. Some of the possible areas of committee service are: Technology, Adult Ministries, Decorating, Small Groups, Evangelism, Music. Contact Pastor Greg or Pastor Matthew for more information.

YOUTH NEWS

The Gathering, our ministry to high school students, will meet tonight at 7:00 PM.

GEMS Girls Club will meet on Wednesday from 6:30 – 8:30 PM at church.

Cadets 4th thru 8th grade: The Chicago West Council Cadet Spring Retreat/Competition Day is this Friday & Saturday at Dickson Valley. We will leave church at 6:00 PM on Friday and return to church about 4:00 PM on Saturday. More information is in your mailbox or the narthex. Call Lambert, 630-665-9422 or 630-346-8324, or your counselor if you have questions.

Asylum: Middle Schoolers are invited to join us on select Fridays at church for games, Bible study and small groups. Our next meeting is on Friday, April 28, from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Drop off at the church; pick up at the house. Bring your Bible!

Cadets & Jr. Cadets: We will have a Sing-A-Long Pizza Party at Saratoga Grove on Wednesday, May 3. We will leave church at 6:30 PM and return at 9:00 PM.

Sub Sale: A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex as well as forms to pass along to friends or neighbors or order at www.faithelmhurst.org.

Registration for VBS is available online at www.faithelmhurst.org: Join us at the Maker's Fun Factory on June 12 - 15!

College and Military Care Packages: Thanks to all who gave!

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

TODAY

Children's Church will meet during the second half of morning worship.

Sunday School & Catechism will meet from 10:45 – 11:45 AM.

The Sermon Discussion Group will meet 15 minutes after the morning service in room 4/5.

The Missions Committee will meet at 10:50 AM in the Choir Room.

Welcome Team Orientation will be in Room 1 15 minutes after the morning service.

The Gathering will meet at 7:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

Men's Prayer Group will meet from 7:00 - 8:00 AM.

Bible Study Fellowship will meet at 9:15 AM.

GEMS Girls Club will meet from 6:30 - 8:30 PM at church.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

Mom2Mom will meet at 9:00 AM.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

Men's Bible Study will meet at 6:30 AM.

Cadet Spring Retreat/Competition Day will leave church at 6:00 PM.

Asylum will meet from 7:00 – 9:00 PM.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

Young Adult Potluck at Koopmans at 5:00 PM.

SERVING FAITH CHURCH

Greeters: Chris & Kim Kakabeeke, Matt & Niki Tazelaar

Saratoga Driver: Ken Teune **Next Week:** Bob Nicodem

Kitchen: Brad & Kathy Miedema, Bruce & DeDe Terpstra*

Next Week: Bob & Linda Loerop*, Gerrit & Lori Wieringa

Coffee Servers: Darrell & Linda Stodola **Next Week:** Don & Laura Miller

Library: Kathleen Glaubke, Laurie Wieringa **Next Week:** Chuck Slinkman

Audio Visual: Todd Lindemulder, Mary Huizinga, Adam Zarek

Next Week: Sue Folkerts, Ryan Swanson, Jonah Vander Naald

Nursery Hostess: Nicole Huizinga **Next Week:** Janna Piersma

Infant Nursery: Diana De Boer, Kimberly Kooyenga, Paige Hoving

Next Week: Liz Boonstra, Grace Harbaugh, Samantha David

Toddler Nursery: Ruth Flikkema, Jill Groenewold, Grace Lindemulder

Next Week: Kathleen Glaubke, Cindy Vander Naald, Marta Veenstra

PM Nursery: Jill Veenstra, Grace Veenstra

Next Week: Susan Middel, Hannah Schuringa

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS

The Association for a More Just Society (AJS) has been working for 19 years to bring hope to Honduras. AJS president, Carlos Hernandez, will join co-founders Kurt Ver Beek and Jo Ann Van Engen to talk about how brave Hondurans are building hope and cultivating justice. You are invited to the Celebration of Justice Dinner, Saturday April 29, at 6:30 PM at Elmhurst CRC. If interested, RSVP to Nan Loerop, 630-607-8242 or nloerop@yahoo.com.

Providence Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center Spring Luncheon will be on Tuesday, May 16 at 12:30 PM here at Faith Church. Join us for a fun afternoon with Vocal Entertainer, Jeorge Holmes, who is also a Minister & Gospel Singer. You are sure to be uplifted and inspired! The "Men's Table" will be available. Please RSVP by May 5 to Sharon Rozendal, 630-782-1998. This event is hosted by the Women's Auxiliary. A freewill offering will be taken. Hope to see you there.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Cast your cares on the Lord
and He will sustain you.
Psalm 55:22a